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Question:

(AMI) Provide the total number and associated costs of AMR meters and temporary "bridge" meters purchased and installed since the Company's last rate case by year. Explain why the purchase and installation of AMR meters through the current period represents prudent planning if management was already planning a rapid shift to advanced meters.

Response:

Since the Company's last rate case decision, dated April 18, 2018, in Docket No. 17-10-46, the following AMR meters and temporary "bridge" meters were purchased and installed:

Purchase Year	Age	AMR Meters	Bridge Meters
2018	8	3,845	86,724
2019	7	1	106,923
2020	6	0	55,286
2021	5	20,556	21,309
2022	4	35,403	16,382
2023	3	14,917	26,691
2024	2	3,653	59,876
2025	1	11	5,137
Total		**78,386**	**378,328**

The associated costs of the AMR meters and "bridge" meters purchased and installed since the Company's last rate case were as follows:

Vintage	AMR Meters Total Cost	Bridge Meters Total Cost
2018	$ 325,988	$ 10,493,411
2019	$ 582	$ 19,530,053
2020	$ -	$ 7,276,529
2021	$ 3,541,364	$ 3,018,726
2022	$ 4,090,285	$ 2,604,982
2023	$ 1,835,269	$ 5,861,778
2024	$ 172,004	$ 13,235,761
2025	$ 41,715	$ 5,356,993

For further information on the Company's plans regarding aging meters, refer to page 109 of 206, in CLP-AMI-3.

The Company currently maintains legacy systems, technology, and hardware to prudently keep customer costs low. AMR meters and advanced AMI meters work on different networks. Purchasing, maintaining, and reading AMI meters without an AMI network is more expensive than continuing to use AMR meters. Even with regulatory approval to move forward with AMI meters, the Company must first replace the existing billing system and set up the AMI network to utilize the meters for customer billing. The current legacy systems do not support a piecemeal approach from an AMR to AMI transition. As individual AMR meters reach end of life and require replacement, or if new meter installations are required, the most cost-effective means of obtaining customer usage data for billing of nearly all customers will be through AMR meters. This means utilizing AMR meters up until the point of activation of the AMI network and the modernization of foundational systems.